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NOTICE

Request for Comments on Economic Impacts to Business from the Adoption of the 2002 Edition of the National Electrical Code (As Amended) by the State Fire Marshal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) proposed regulatory action to adopt by reference (with amendments), the 2002 Edition of the *National Electrical Code*, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, has been approved by the State Building Standards Commission. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13143, the SFM shall establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure defined therein.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §18928, state regulatory agencies are directed to propose its amendments to the most recent edition of a model codes. The SFM has proposed to adopt by reference the 2002 Edition of the *National Electrical Code*. The SFM's proposed amendments to this model code may be categorized as:

- Continuation of SFM amendments found in the 2001 California Electrical Code
- Newly proposed amendments pursuant to Health and Safety Code §13143
- Adoption by reference; model code provisions not previously adopted

Pursuant to Executive Order S-2-03, the SFM shall evaluate the potential for adverse economic impacts to California business enterprises and individuals as required under Government Code §11346.3. This evaluation shall apply to any proposed regulation, and/or regulation that has been adopted, but has not yet become effective.

Government Code §11346.3 requires that prior to submitting a proposed regulation, the proposing agency shall consider all impacts the proposal may have on business. This consideration shall be made early in the rulemaking process to determine any of the following:

- ☐ The creation or elimination of jobs within the state of California
- ☐ The creation of new businesses and/or the elimination of existing businesses within the state of California
- ☐ The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the state of California

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The SFM encourages all interested parties to assist this Office with its efforts in determining unnecessary economic impacts, if any, relating to the recent proposed adoption of the California Electrical Code, as based upon the 2002 edition of the *National Electrical Code*.

The SFM's approved rulemaking on this subject may be obtained from the SFM's web site: <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov>

The SFM requests that comments be submitted to the SFM by close of business January 12, 2004, and made to the attention of:

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